

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action. The above listing of the claims supersedes any previous listing. Favorable reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Amendments/Status

In this response, claims 2 and 5-7 are canceled. Inasmuch as claims 3 and 8-21 stand allowed, it is submitted that this amendment moots the issues raised under §§ 102, 103 and places the instant application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

As noted above, the instant application is deemed to stand in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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